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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN JANUARY 1986

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	JANUARY 1986	DECEMBER 1985	NOVEMBER 1985	JANUARY 1985
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,966	12,951	12,944	12,930
Total civilian employment	12,211	12,086	12,056	11,987
Total unemployment	755	865	888	943
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	5.8	6.7	6.9	7.3
Range[b]	5.1–6.5	6.0–7.4	6.2–7.6	6.6–8.0
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	6.7	6.9	7.0	7.4
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,951	12,923	12,956	12,910
Total civilian employment	12,102	12,113	12,100	11,875
Total unemployment	849	810	856	1,036
Unadjusted rate (percent)	6.6	6.3	6.6	8.0
Range[b]	5.9–7.3	5.6–7.0	5.9–7.3	7.3–8.7

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined sharply from 6.7 percent in December 1985 to 5.8 percent in January 1986. This is the lowest unemployment rate since January of 1970 when the rate was 5.4 percent. Seasonally adjusted total employment in California increased to 12,211,000 in January 1986. This is an increase of 125,000 from the employment level in December 1985. Total unemployment seasonally adjusted for January 1986 was 755,000. A year ago, in January 1985, total unemployment in California was 943,000. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.7 percent.

During January 1986, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment totaled 11,051,800. This is a decline of 134,400 jobs since December 1985. Most major industry sectors posted declines over the month, however, the declines were less than seasonally expected. Almost half of the decrease in employment occurred in the retail trade sector as the holiday season ended. Over the year, since January 1985, total nonagricultural employment has increased by 333,500 jobs which represents a growth rate of 3.1 percent.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	JANUARY 1986	DECEMBER 1985	NOVEMBER 1985	JANUARY 1985
Total				
Labor Force	12,951	12,923	12,956	12,910
Employed	12,102	12,113	12,100	11,875
Unemployed	849	810	856	1,036
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.3	6.6	8.0
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,924	6,892	6,905	6,819
Employed	6,510	6,489	6,465	6,333
Unemployed	414	403	438	487
Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.8	6.4	7.1
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,288	5,279	5,296	5,320
Employed	4,984	5,009	5,034	4,933
Unemployed	304	270	261	387
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.1	4.9	7.3
Both Sexes, Age 16—19				
Labor Force	739	753	756	770
Employed	609	616	600	609
Unemployed	130	137	156	161
Unemployment Rate	17.6	18.2	20.6	20.9
White				
Labor Force	11,019	10,985	11,069	10,935
Employed	10,331	10,327	10,357	10,075
Unemployed	689	657	712	860
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.0	6.4	7.9
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,932	1,939	1,887	1,975
Employed	1,771	1,786	1,742	1,800
Unemployed	161	153	144	176
Unemployment Rate	8.3	7.9	7.7	8.9

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS 2/ OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
California	$427.66	$413.29	$410.18	41.2	40.4	41.1	$10.38	$10.23	$9.98

2/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR JANUARY PRELIMINARY
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
—DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY—

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH JANUARY 86	PREVIOUS MONTH DECEMBER 85	YEAR AGO JANUARY 85	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	11,051.8	11,186.2	10,718.3	−134.4	333.5	−1.2	3.1
Mining	49.4	50.0	50.1	−0.6	−0.7	−1.2	−1.4
Metal Mining	1.7	1.8	1.8	−0.1	0.1	−5.6	6.3
Fuel Mining	40.9	41.2	41.9	−0.3	−1.0	−0.7	−2.4
Nonmetal Mining	6.8	7.0	6.6	−0.2	0.2	−2.9	3.0
Construction	476.0	489.7	447.5	−13.7	28.5	−2.8	6.4
General Building Contractors	126.1	129.9	116.7	−3.8	9.4	−2.9	8.1
Heavy Construction	64.8	68.4	61.3	−3.6	3.5	−5.3	5.7
Special Trade Contractors	285.1	291.4	269.5	−6.3	15.6	−2.2	5.8
Manufacturing	2,074.2	2,088.7	2,059.3	−14.5	14.9	−0.7	0.7
Nondurable Goods	625.3	631.7	618.8	−6.4	6.5	−1.0	1.1
Durable Goods	1,448.9	1,457.0	1,440.5	−8.1	8.4	−0.6	0.6
Food and Kindred	157.7	163.3	158.5	−5.6	−0.8	−3.4	−0.5
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	4.9	5.2	5.4	−0.3	−0.5	−5.8	−9.3
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	41.5	44.8	41.6	−3.3	−0.1	−7.4	−0.2
Other Food and Kindred Products	111.3	113.3	111.5	−2.0	−0.2	−1.8	−0.2
Textile Mill Products	13.6	13.8	13.4	−0.2	0.2	−1.4	1.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	107.5	107.3	104.9	0.2	2.6	0.2	2.5
Paper and Allied Products	40.5	40.8	39.3	−0.3	1.2	−0.7	3.1
Printing and Publishing	141.1	142.1	137.0	−1.0	4.1	−0.7	3.0
Chemicals and Allied Products	64.2	64.0	63.3	0.2	0.9	0.3	1.4
Petroleum and Coal Products	28.6	28.4	29.6	0.2	−1.0	0.7	−3.4
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	64.9	64.4	65.3	0.5	−0.4	0.8	−0.6
Leather and Leather Products	7.2	7.6	7.5	−0.4	−0.3	−5.3	−4.0
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	56.0	56.6	50.5	−0.6	5.5	−1.1	10.9
Furniture and Fixtures	60.9	61.3	59.3	−0.4	1.6	−0.7	2.7
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	50.5	51.3	49.7	−0.8	0.8	−1.6	1.6
Primary Metal Industries	41.1	41.0	41.9	0.1	−0.8	0.2	−1.9
Fabricated Metal Products	145.5	146.2	145.6	−0.7	−0.1	−0.5	−0.1
Machinery except Electrical	222.6	224.2	237.6	−1.6	−15.0	−0.7	−6.3
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	419.8	421.6	420.8	−1.8	−1.0	−0.4	−0.2
Transportation Equipment	305.9	307.0	285.5	−1.1	20.4	−0.4	7.1
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	34.7	35.8	33.3	−1.1	1.4	−3.1	4.2
Aircraft and Parts	162.3	162.1	147.1	0.2	15.2	0.1	10.3
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	17.8	18.1	17.1	−0.3	0.7	−1.7	4.1
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	79.5	79.3	77.1	0.2	2.4	0.3	3.1
Other Transportation Equipment	11.6	11.7	10.9	−0.1	0.7	−0.9	6.4
Instruments and Related Products	112.4	112.3	114.3	0.1	−1.9	0.1	−1.7
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	34.2	35.5	35.3	−1.3	−1.1	−3.7	−3.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	561.7	571.0	555.1	−9.3	6.6	−1.6	1.2
Transportation	315.6	323.6	307.0	−8.0	8.6	−2.5	2.8
Railroads	23.4	23.4	24.0	0.0	−0.6	0.0	−2.5
Trucking and Warehousing	127.3	134.9	122.9	−7.6	4.4	−5.6	3.6
Other Transportation	164.9	165.3	160.1	−0.4	4.8	−0.2	3.0
Communications	164.4	166.1	168.6	−1.7	−4.2	−1.0	−2.5
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	81.7	81.3	79.5	0.4	2.2	0.5	2.8
Wholesale Trade	675.2	670.6	657.5	4.6	17.7	0.7	2.7
Retail Trade	1,979.9	2,042.7	1,914.2	−62.8	65.7	−3.1	3.4
General Merchandise Stores	256.3	277.0	255.0	−20.7	1.3	−7.5	0.5
Food Stores	276.1	283.9	266.0	−7.8	10.1	−2.7	3.8
Other Retail Trade	1,447.5	1,481.8	1,393.2	−34.3	54.3	−2.3	3.9
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	747.3	751.4	704.4	−4.1	42.9	−0.5	6.1
Finance	382.5	384.7	346.2	−2.2	16.3	−0.6	4.7
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	195.4	196.7	188.0	−1.3	7.4	−0.7	3.9
Real Estate	168.9	169.2	151.2	−0.3	17.7	−0.2	11.7
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	20.5	20.8	19.0	−0.3	1.5	−1.4	7.9
Services	2,654.7	2,683.3	2,553.0	−28.6	101.7	−1.1	4.0
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	137.5	140.5	137.3	−3.0	0.2	−2.1	0.1
Personal Services	125.4	122.2	114.4	3.2	11.0	2.6	9.6
Business Services	637.2	655.6	618.5	−18.4	18.7	−2.8	3.0
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	164.8	165.4	157.9	−0.6	6.9	−0.4	4.4
Motion Pictures	74.1	77.3	75.7	−3.2	−1.6	−4.1	−2.1
Amusement and Recreation Services	104.4	108.1	101.9	−3.7	2.5	−3.4	2.5
Health Services	660.1	656.5	630.9	3.6	29.2	0.5	4.6
Other Services	751.2	757.7	716.4	−6.5	34.8	−0.9	4.9
Government	1,833.4	1,838.8	1,777.2	−5.4	56.2	−0.3	3.2
Federal Government	345.3	349.8	334.7	−4.5	10.6	−1.3	3.2
State and Local Governments	1,488.1	1,489.0	1,442.5	−0.9	45.6	−0.1	3.2
County	231.8	231.1	224.1	0.7	7.7	0.3	3.4
City	197.1	197.4	190.1	−0.3	7.0	−0.2	3.7
Education	785.7	788.5	759.4	−2.8	26.3	−0.4	3.5
Education State	149.7	150.3	145.9	−0.6	3.8	−0.4	2.6
Education Local	636.0	638.2	613.5	−2.2	22.5	−0.3	3.7
Other State and Local	273.5	272.0	268.9	1.5	4.6	0.6	1.7
State exc ed	177.7	176.8	175.1	1.1	2.6	0.6	1.5
Special District	95.8	95.4	93.8	0.4	2.0	0.4	2.1
Total Agriculture	262.3	279.5	268.1	−17.2	−5.8	−6.2	−2.2

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
DECEMBER 1985

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	12,922,900	12,113,200	809,700	6.3
Alameda	620,750	586,225	34,525	5.6
Alpine	650	625	25	4.2
Amador	8,175	7,450	725	8.9
Butte	67,000	60,525	6,475	9.7
Calaveras	9,600	8,600	1,000	10.4
Colusa	7,150	5,900	1,250	17.4
Contra Costa	367,250	348,725	18,525	5.0
Del Norte	6,925	6,000	925	13.4
El Dorado	51,100	47,600	3,500	6.8
Fresno	275,300	239,900	35,400	12.9
Glenn	10,625	9,325	1,300	12.3
Humboldt	46,425	41,325	5,100	11.0
Imperial	43,850	30,750	13,100	29.9
Inyo	9,600	9,000	600	6.3
Kern	214,800	190,900	23,900	11.1
Kings	33,450	29,725	3,725	11.1
Lake	15,975	13,825	2,150	13.5
Lassen	8,700	7,700	1,000	11.5
Los Angeles	4,014,000	3,795,000	219,000	5.4
Madera	31,775	27,925	3,850	12.1
Marin	123,775	119,650	4,125	3.3
Mariposa	5,975	5,425	550	9.3
Mendocino	31,650	27,925	3,725	11.8
Merced	63,700	54,375	9,325	14.6
Modoc	4,225	3,775	450	10.4
Mono	4,775	4,475	300	6.1
Monterey	144,600	127,400	17,200	11.9
Napa	46,200	43,175	3,025	6.6
Nevada	26,400	24,450	1,950	7.4
Orange	1,182,900	1,137,700	45,200	3.8
Placer	68,200	64,100	4,100	6.0
Plumas	8,175	6,925	1,250	15.2
Riverside	339,500	315,900	23,600	7.0
Sacramento	442,400	417,500	24,900	5.6
San Benito	14,025	11,650	2,375	17.0
San Bernardino	444,900	420,200	24,700	5.6
San Diego	971,600	927,300	44,300	4.6
San Francisco	400,600	380,400	20,200	5.0
San Joaquin	174,100	152,300	21,800	12.5
San Luis Obispo	83,850	79,800	4,050	4.8
San Mateo	334,625	322,850	11,775	3.5
Santa Barbara	169,100	160,100	9,000	5.3
Santa Clara	798,200	755,200	43,000	5.4
Santa Cruz	114,200	104,600	9,600	8.4
Shasta	51,750	45,175	6,575	12.7
Sierra	1,350	1,150	200	15.7
Siskiyou	17,725	15,050	2,675	15.1
Solano	120,050	112,450	7,600	6.3
Sonoma	173,000	163,300	9,700	5.6
Stanislaus	138,400	119,200	19,200	13.9
Sutter	23,100	18,775	4,325	18.7
Tehama	18,375	16,500	1,875	10.2
Trinity	5,300	4,425	875	16.6
Tulare	123,600	106,200	17,400	14.1
Tuolumne	15,575	13,825	1,750	11.2
Ventura	309,100	287,400	21,700	7.0
Yolo	64,400	58,100	6,300	9.8
Yuba	19,875	17,325	2,550	12.9

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.